

**BOXING, MARTIAL ARTS, AND
PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

MINUTES

A meeting was held on October 4, 2021, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

Brian Costello (Martial Arts)
Mark D’Attilio (Boxing)
Daniel Hardy, M.D. (Citizen)
Delvis McCadden (Boxing)
Roze Merditaj (Citizen Member)

Board members Scott Howard (Martial Arts) and David McCloud (Wrestling) were not present for the meeting with regrets.

Staff present for all or part of the meeting was:

Mary Broz-Vaughan, Director
Kathleen R. (Kate) Nosbisch, Executive Director
Bonnie Davis, Administrative Assistant

Josh Laws, Assistant Attorney General was not present from the Office of the Attorney General, with regrets.

Mr. Costello, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Call to Order

Mr. Costello advised the Board of the emergency evacuation procedures.

**Emergency
Evacuation
Procedures**

Mr. McCadden moved to approve the agenda. Mr. D’Attilio seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Costello, D’Attilio, Hardy, McCadden, and Merditaj.

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Merditaj moved to approve the November 4, 2021 Board meeting minutes. Mr. D’Attilio seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Costello, D’Attilio, Hardy, McCadden, and Merditaj.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Nosbisch introduced Jack Fulton, Founder and CEO of International Championship Boxing. Mr. Fulton provided information on offering cage style mixed martial arts. He stated that the Nevada Athletic Commission unanimously approved the cage style mixed martial arts and that Mike Mazzouli, President of the Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports, endorsed the use of the cage. He indicated some referees from Virginia were cage trained in Nevada.

Public Comment
Period

Ms. Broz Vaughan stated that the Board is not an athletic commission. Under the Administrative Process Act, we don't have the ability to think out of the box. The regulations would have to be amended which is a three stage process which allows for discussion of merits, public participation, and to make sure everything is vetted. The Board will soon be starting regulatory review and it can be discussed, but the Board does not have the ability to approve it at this time.

Mr. Costello read the following resolutions for consideration by the Board:

Resolution to David Holland

RESOLUTION TO

David Holland

WHEREAS, David Holland, did faithfully and diligently serve as a member of the Boxing, Martial Arts and Professional Wrestling Advisory Board from 2000 to 2021;

WHEREAS, David Holland, did devote generously of his time, talent and leadership to the Board;

WHEREAS, David Holland, did endeavor at all times to render decisions with fairness and good judgment in the best interest of the citizens of the Commonwealth and the profession; and

WHEREAS, the Boxing, Martial Arts and Professional Wrestling Advisory Board wishes to acknowledge its gratitude for devoted service of a person who is held in high esteem by the members of the Board and the citizens of the Commonwealth;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Boxing, Martial Arts and Professional Wrestling Advisory Board this fourth day of October 2021, that David Holland, be given all honors and respect due him for his outstanding service to the Commonwealth and its citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be presented to him and be made a part of the official minutes of the Board so that all may know of the high regard in which he is held by this Board.

RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF

Tracy Rose Fagan

Resolution to Tracy Fagan

WHEREAS, Tracy Fagan served as a member of the Boxing, Martial Arts and Professional Wrestling Board from 2009 to 2020; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Fagan devoted her time, talent and leadership to the Boxing, Martial Arts and Professional Wrestling Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Fagan endeavored to render decisions with fairness and good judgment in the best interest of the citizens of the Commonwealth and this profession; and

WHEREAS, the Boxing, Martial Arts and Professional Wrestling Advisory Board is grateful for the dedication and service of Tracy Fagan to the Board and to the citizens of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Boxing, Martial Arts and Professional Wrestling Advisory Board mourns the passing of Tracy Fagan which occurred on December 9 2020;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this fourth day of October 2021, that the Boxing, Martial Arts and Professional Wrestling Advisory Board expresses its utmost regard and respect for Tracy Fagan and her professional legacy; and, so that all may know of the Board's depth of sorrow and its expression of sympathy, it is ORDERED this resolution be made a part of the official minutes of the Board and that a copy hereof be presented to the family of Tracy Fagan.

The Board members agreed to the resolutions by consensus and noted the team will be incredibly missed.

Ms. Nosbisch stated that the Vendor Workshop is normally in the fall, but felt it was necessary to have a training refresh before the first event after COVID. The training was held virtually over five nights which allowed vendors to participate in all the sessions. It was well received, but it was noted that it would be beneficial to have the referee training in person to allow assessment of their abilities.

Vendor Workshop Update

Ms. Nosbisch provided an update on the August 21st mixed martial arts event in Winchester and the September 25th boxing event in Sterling. The next boxing event will be October 23rd in Gretna.

Event Update

Board members were provided licensing population statistics for informational purposes.

Licensing Population

Ms. Nosbisch reported the Board's next scheduled meeting is October 18, 2022, unless there is a need to meet sooner.

Consideration of 2022 Meeting Date

Ms. Broz-Vaughan informed the board that due to the marijuana conviction changes in legislation, the language in the current regulations must be changed to exclude misdemeanor marijuana drug convictions and this can be accomplished by an exempt regulatory action if filed within 90 days of the enactment.

Regulatory Update

Ms. Nosbisch reported that the New Board Member Orientation is tentatively scheduled for October 13 and 14, 2022.

New Board Member Orientation

Board members were provided financial statements for informational purposes.

Review of Financial Statements

There was none.

Other Business

Conflict of Interest and travel forms were completed by all board members present.

Conflict of Interest Forms and Travel Vouchers

As the Board meets once a year, Ms. Nosbisch recommended that the current Chair, Mr. Costello, and Vice-Chair, Mr. McCadden, remain in their positions. The Board agreed by consensus.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Board members participated in mandatory Conflict of Interest Act training.

Conflict of Interests Act Training

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Adjourn

Brian Costello, Chair

Mary Broz-Vaughan, Secretary